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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski and Commissioners:

Since its founding, the New Jersey State Library has been committed to spreading the joys of reading and the wealth of human knowledge to as many of our citizens as possible. We've always believed that physical disabilities – no matter how debilitating – should never preclude an enjoyment of books. It is this ideal that animates the New Jersey State Library Talking Book & Braille Center (the "NJSL TBBBC") – a free public library service for New Jersey residents of all ages who cannot easily read standard printed materials due to a visual impairment, physical handicap or a learning disability.

Although the NJSL TBBC is partially funded by the state of New Jersey and the Library of Congress, it also depends on the generosity of private supporters. I'm writing to you today because of the enormously important assistance provided to us by Comcast. Most notably, Comcast's contributions made possible our Regional Technical Assistance Center Lab (the "RTAC"). One of our most important efforts to date, the RTAC promotes assistive technology to give individuals with visual disabilities the computer skills they'll need to enter the work force. Comcast's decision to boldly take the lead on this project offers abundant evidence that the company and its employees are genuinely committed to freedom of knowledge regardless of physical limitations.

In addition to its partnership with the NJSL TBBC, we've been pleased to see Comcast distributing its broadband Internet services free of charge in New Jersey libraries and schools.

We wish Comcast every success with its NBC Universal joint venture and we hope you'll take our positive experience into account as you evaluate their proposed transaction.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Norma Blake'.

Norma Blake
State Librarian

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